

Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities 2023

REGIONAL EXCHANGES

REQUIREMENTS 2023

1. Objectives

The Regional exchanges developed in the framework of the 2023 Exchange Programme are designed to develop direct cooperation and trust between practitioners located on two sides of a border. This type of exchanges aims at:

- Fostering mutual trust and cooperation at local level and establishing a long-term cooperation between practitioners.
- Identifying and solving practical problems arising from cross-border cases.
- Creating conditions for direct cross-border cooperation.

2. Eligibility criteria

The application to the regional exchanges is based on a **project** to be submitted by the visiting applicant. This project must include a **hosting agreement** signed by the hosting court or prosecution office and a **detailed motivation**, including the cross-border dimension to be tackled during the exchange.

Each project must meet the following criteria:

- The courts or prosecution offices of the visiting and hosting participants must be located at a maximal distance of **150 km** from the domestic border (so a maximum distance of 300km between the two courts or prosecution offices).
- The applicants must work on cases involving a cross-border dimension or have a part of their daily work in the cross-border cooperation with the closest neighbouring country.

It is up to each applicant to find an eligible hosting institution meeting the above criteria.

Reciprocity between the visiting and hosting court is a possibility but is not mandatory. In case of reciprocal exchanges, each applicant must submit a complete application.

3. Format of the exchange

A. Target audience

The regional exchanges are open to judges, prosecutors and court staff.

B. Length

A regional exchange has a duration of 5 working days in the same work week.

C. Number of participants

In principle, the regional exchanges are individual (1) exchanges, but groups of maximum two (2) practitioners from the same court can apply. Each group member shall submit an individual application form.

D. Language

The working language shall be determined by the participants involved in the exchange. Interpretation costs will not be covered by EJTN.

E. Financial Conditions

The [Financial Conditions related to one-week exchanges](#) will apply. The updated financial conditions for 2023 will be sent to the selected participants.

4. Application procedure

The call for applications will be disseminated through the EJTN Members and Associate Members.

The applications and all accompanying documents must be submitted on the [Exchange Programme platform](#), section project-based exchanges. The national training institutions will then make a pre-selection of the projects to be submitted to EJTN.

Each project must include:

- A [project proposal form](#).
- The [hosting agreement](#), completed and signed by the hosting court.

5. Calendar

The application period will be open from 16 January 2023 until the exhaustion of the budget (not to exceed 15 November 2023). However, national deadlines may be applied by your national training institution.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the application period. A particular consideration will be given to early applicants.

Selected participants must implement their exchange between 15 February and 15 December 2023.